

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

Roberta Virginia Ann Black,  
Administrator for the Estate of  
Rick O. Black, Deceased,

Case No. 2:22-cv-3027

Plaintiff,

Judge Michael H. Watson

v.

Magistrate Judge Jolson

Knox County, Ohio, et al.,

Defendants.

**OPINION AND ORDER**

Roberta Black as Administrator for the Estate of Rick O. Black ("Plaintiff") files a notice of joint stipulation of dismissal, with prejudice, of Defendants Deputy David Merillat, Deputy Fred Michael, Sgt. Bryan Price, Captain Jay Sheffer, and Deputy Jason Stachler. ECF No. 67. The Court construes the notice as a joint motion to drop parties under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 21.

Plaintiff's motion is **GRANTED**. All claims against Defendants Deputy David Merillat, Deputy Fred Michael, Sgt. Bryan Price, Captain Jay Sheffer, and Deputy Jason Stachler, are hereby **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**, and the Clerk shall terminate them as Defendants in this matter.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
MICHAEL H. WATSON, JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT